

## **PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BOUNDARY STATEMENT**

For each performance-based contract program, the Division of Public Health has identified a boundary statement. The boundary statement sets the parameters of the program within which the local public health agency will need to set its objectives. The boundaries are intentionally as broad as federal and state law permits to provide maximum flexibility, however if there are objectives or program directions that the program is not willing to consider or specific programmatic parameters, those are included in the boundary statement.

LPHDs/tribes/agencies are encouraged to leverage resources across categorical funding to achieve common program goals.

### Boundary Statement

The Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant is a federal program to allocate funds to states to improve the health of the general population. The PHHS Block Grant gives grantees the flexibility to prioritize the use of funds to

- Address emerging health issues and gaps.
- Decrease premature death and disabilities by focusing on the leading preventable risk factors.
- Work to achieve health equity and eliminate health disparities by addressing the social determinants of health.
- Support local programs to achieve healthy communities.

Success is achieved by

- Using evidence-based methods and interventions.
- Reducing risk factors.
- Establishing policy, social, and environmental changes.
- Leveraging other funds.
- Continuing to monitor progress towards selected outcomes and re-evaluate funded activities.

Objectives reflect Healthy People 2010 Health Objectives and national public health Essential Services. (The PHHS Block Grant program currently operates under [Healthy People 2010](#), until the transition to the [Healthy People 2020](#) goals and objectives is complete.)

### Unacceptable uses of fund

According to PHHS Block Grant guidance, non-allowable uses for these funds include

- providing financial assistance to any entity other than a public or non-profit private entity;
- inpatient services;
- cash payment to recipients of health services;

- purchase or improve land, purchase, construct, or permanently improve a building or facility or purchase major medical equipment;
- use as a match requirement for Federal funds.

### Data Collection

An electronic survey report will be required that will describe

- strategies implemented and outcomes measured;
- challenges or barriers to success;
- actions to address challenges,
- activities used to obtain additional funding, donations or in-kind contributions.

### References

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, <http://www.cdc.gov/phhsblockgrant/index.htm>

Healthy People 2010, <http://www.healthypeople.gov/2010/>

10 Essential Public Health Services, <http://www.cdc.gov/nphpsp/essentialServices.html>